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#### MOLLIE BEATTIE SWORN IN AS U.S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE DIRECTOR

Mollie Beattie was sworn in September 14 as Director of the Interior Department's U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service following confirmation by the U.S. Senate September 10.

Ms. Beattie, a veteran state natural resources official from Vermont, becomes the first woman to direct the 9,000-person agency.

"Mollie Beattie brings experience, commitment, and energy to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt. "She is certain to provide the strong leadership we need to conserve our fish and wildlife resources for present and future generations."

Before President Clinton nominated her for the Fish and Wildlife Service post, Ms. Beattie served as executive director of the Richard A. Snelling Center for Government in Vermont. She served as deputy secretary for Vermont's Agency of Natural Resources, 1989-90; Commissioner for the Vermont Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation, 1985-89; and Program Director and Lands Manager for the non-profit Windham Foundation, 1983-85.

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She has earned a BA from Marymount College, Tarrytown, N.Y., an MS from the University of Vermont, and an MPA from the Kennedy School of Government.

The Fish and Wildlife Service's major responsibilities are for migratory birds, endangered species, freshwater and anadromous fish and certain marine mammals. The agency manages 491 National Wildlife Refuges, covering more than 91 million acres, and 84 National Fish Hatcheries. The Service's mission includes enforcement of federal wildlife laws, administration of the Endangered Species Act, wetland protection and management, and distribution of Federal Aid to states for fish and wildlife restoration.

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